Appl. No. 09/915,865

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In re application of:

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Examiner: Brian J. Sines

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## NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated November 30, 2005 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 7, 8, and 10-14. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. A \_\_\_\_-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is enclosed with the proper fee.
- 2. A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
- 3. The application is on behalf of

a small entity

Applicants claims small entity status.

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Respectfully submitted,

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